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WELCOME BACK!

The OPI School Nutrition Programs staff has been busy gearing up for the 2012-13 school year and all the exciting changes that are taking place. Through the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, the USDA is making the first major changes in school meals in 15 years, which will help raise a healthier generation of children.

The new standards align school meals with the latest nutrition science and the real world circumstances of America's schools. These responsible reforms do what's right for children's health in a way that is achievable in schools across the Nation.

Enclosed in this mailing is a memo regarding regional and statewide training sessions that are scheduled to assist you in meeting the new USDA Meal Pattern and applying for the School Menu Certification to receive the additional \$0.06 reimbursement in the 2012-13 school year. Be sure to mark your calendars to remember to attend these valuable trainings. More information can also be found by visiting the OPI School Nutrition Programs Web site, listed below.

http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html

USDA FOODS UPDATE

The USDA Foods shipping schedule for the 2012-13 school year is enclosed for those who did not receive yours at the Montana School Nutrition Association

Conference held in June in Great Falls. Your updated USDA Foods order can be found at: http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html. From here, click on the USDA Foods Ordering Program. Login using your User Name and Password. Under Sponsor Functions, click on Print Completed Order, then select the school year and the invoice number of the order you want to view. If you have questions, contact Food Distribution at (406) 444-4415.

The following USDA Foods are still available for the 2012-13 school year. Send your request by e-mail to juwilson@mt.gov.

Apples Slices	1	case
Green Beans	27	cases
Flour A/P	65	bales
Flour B	441	bales
Rice	186	cases
Spaghetti WG	108	cases
Charb Beef Patties	1207	cases
Mixed Fruit	18	cases
Flour WW	139	bales
Pears	15	cases
Salsa	3	cases
Cheese Cheddar Y	228	cases
Mozzarella LMPs	140	cases
Oven Rst Chicken 8pc	266	cases
Chicken Pattie Tenders	1014	cases
Potatoes, Oven Fries	83	cases
Pork Roasts	52	cases
Potato Rounds	287	cases

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Potato Wedges	779	cases
Pinto Beans	40	cases
Veggie Beans	41	cases
Spaghetti Sauce	254	cases
Vegetable Oil	2	cases
Pancakes WG	293	cases

There are many schools that did not place orders for the **Charbroiled Beef Patties** and **Chicken Patty Tenders** that are processed using the state matching funds. Be sure and send your requests for those as soon as possible.

The Charbroiled Beef Patties will be processed by Tyson Foods this year. They will be the 3-ounce size with 90 servings per case.

WELCOME CLAY HICKMAN

The OPI School Nutrition Programs is proud to introduce Clay Hickman as our newest Administrative Assistant. Clay previously worked for the OPI as our mail clerk, a position he held for almost 10 years.

Clay was born and raised in Montana and his hobbies include cooking and seeing the Big Sky Country on his 34-year-old Harley Davidson, which he rebuilt in his living room one long cold winter. Clay's mother was born and raised in Japan so he's fond of cooking and eating Asian cuisine. He also tells us he has quite a repertoire of Spam recipes that he promises to share with us.

Clay can be reached by phone at (406) 444-2501, or by e-mail at chickman@mt.gov.

SUMMER STORAGE REMINDER

If you stored foods through the summer be sure to use them during the first few months of school. Foods are best if served at their freshest.



The *USDA Best If Used by Guidance Inventory Control in Schools* fact sheet is available on the OPI USDA Foods Web site.

Should you have USDA Foods that you are unsure about, contact your local sanitarian. The OPI Foods Distribution office must be contacted prior to the destruction of any USDA Foods. The USDA Foods (Commodity) Loss Report can be found at: http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_3.



USDA FOODS DELIVERY POLICY

Everyone should be sure to review the USDA Foods Delivery Policy found on the OPI Web page at: http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_2.

USDA Foods are delivered by the Watkins and Shepard Trucking Company. It is important to receive only the USDA Foods that are on your bill of lading. **Do not** accept anything additional - even if the driver says it is OK. Whenever you accept something that is not on your bill of lading, another district will be short that item(s).

2013 SHIPPING COST\$

The USDA Foods shipping and handling costs for the 2012-13 school year will be \$2.93 plus fuel surcharge for shipping and \$1.25 handling for a total of \$4.18 per case.

Shipping and handling costs for public schools are paid with the state matching funds. Private Schools and Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCI) are responsible for the shipping, handling and processing cost of any USDA Foods purchased and will receive an invoice in May from the OPI Foods Distribution office.

Any Private School or RCCI that has not mailed their 2011-12 shipping payments, please do so today.

DoD FRESH PROGRAM UPDATE

The FFAVORS Web program used to place your DoD Fresh orders will be shut down beginning at 6:00 p.m. Eastern time, on **Friday, August 10, 2012**, and will be replaced with USDA FFAVORS on **August 14, 2012**. At that time you will be able to place orders for the week of **August 20, 2012**. The new USDA FFAVORS ordering program link is <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/ffavors.htm>. All users

will need an eAuth account to access the new FFAVORS program. Everyone that signed up for the 2013 DoD Fresh Program should have received an e-mail with information about setting up an account at: <https://www.eauth.usda.gov/mainPages/index.aspx>.

The entitlement amount for the 2012-13 school year will continue at \$450,000.00. If you are signed up for the program you will be receiving your entitlement amount from the OPI School Nutrition Programs office and can begin placing orders immediately. Until an award is made and announced, Sysco will continue as the USDA FFAVORS Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program distributor for Montana.



Remember the USDA FFAVORS Program is a use or lose program so start spending your money early to prevent any loss of funds.

If you have questions regarding your entitlement, contact Kennie Johnson by phone at (406) 444-4412, or by e-mail at Kennie@mt.gov.

Questions regarding the new FFAVORS program should be directed to your FFAVORS Representative Gwen Crawford at (215) 737-2282.

USDA FOODS PER MEAL VALUE

In July the USDA released the per meal value for USDA Foods for the 2012-13 school year. This year's rate will be .2275 cents and is effective for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Districts can calculate their individual entitlement by taking this rate times the total number of meals served during the 2012 school year.

If you have questions regarding your 2013 per meal value contact Food Distribution at (406) 444-4415, or by e-mail at juwilson@mt.gov.



FALL 2012 BID WINNER!

Once again the winning bidder for the OPI Cooperative Purchases was Food Services of America. Deliveries will begin in mid August.

If you have questions, contact Kennie Johnson at (406) 444-4412.

USDA FOODS CANCELLATIONS

Large crop losses in Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania have resulted in no bids being received for Apple Slices and high prices for Applesauce. The USDA has cancelled all Apple Slice orders and the Applesauce that was scheduled to be delivered on Shipment 5. The USDA will issue a bid solicitation for remaining apple product orders but they expect the same high prices and the possibility of no bids on some orders.



USDA 2013 ENTITLEMENT

The 2013 entitlement has been updated by the USDA to include the 2013 USDA Foods per meal value along with the 2012 meals served. The updated amount has been entered into the OPI Food Distribution Ordering Program and should be reflected in your remaining balance.

With these updates, along with the order cancellations and adjusting for inspection, grading and transportation fees, our remaining state entitlement is \$112,538.99.

SHIPPING SCHEDULE CHANGES

The apple slice orders have been removed from Shipment #7 due to the cancellation. The replacement will be half of the sliced cheese on Shipment #9.

The applesauce that was cancelled from Shipment #5 has been replaced with the tomato sauce from Shipment #7. The replacement for the tomato sauce will be half of the spaghetti sauce on Shipment #9.

The USDA has moved the delivery date of the diced chicken to September 30, 2012, moving it to Shipment #4 taking the place of the mozzarella lite cheese which has been moved to Shipment #2.

